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- in each of the Scandinavian countries, and has resulted in the resignation of Peder FURUBOTN from his position as Secretary General of the Norwegian Communist Party.
- 2. FURUBOTN, who called the February 1948 Oslo Conference of Scandinavian Communist leaders on orders of Moscow, has sent Arvid G. HANSEN, member of the Norwegian Communist Party Central Committee and strong proponent of unity with the Cominform at the Oslo Conference, to contact leaders of the Danish and Swedish Communist Parties who would willingly work for the Cominform and oppose "conservatives" within their parties.
- 3. HANSEN first went to Denmark, where he contacted an individual named MOLTKE, who, with HANSEN and FURUBOTN, opposes Emil LOVLEIN, Axel LARSEN and Sven LINDEROTH, chairmen of the Norwegian, Danish and Swedish Communist Parties, respectively, in their opposition to affiliation with the Cominform.

Comment: MOLTKE may be identical with Count Kaj MOLTKE, a 25X1A prominent Danish Communist who is author of the book "Krigen Kobt paa Afbetaling" (War Bought On The Installment Plan).)

4. HANSEN next spent one week in Sweden, returning to Oslo on 19 August 1948. Reportedly he sounded out Swedish and Danish Communists to determine their reactions to setting up an organization independent of national Communist Parties, and directly subordinate to the Cominform. HANSEN also organized a conference of individuals agreeable to such a plan, which will be held in Oslo on or 5 September.

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